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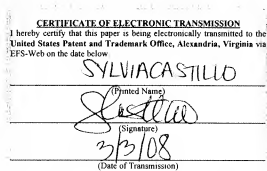
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Sir:

This Communication is responsive to the Non-Final Office Action issued November 1, 2007, by the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office in connection with the above-identified application. A response to this Action originally was due February 1, 2008. Enclosed with this Reply is a Petition for a One Month Extension of Time and authorization to pay the fee. In view of the filing of the Petition and payment of the fee, a response is now due March 1, 2008. However, because March 1, 2008 falls on a Saturday, a response filed the next business day, namely Monday March 3, 2008, is considered timely. Accordingly, this response is timely filed.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 3 of this document.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 5 of this document.